MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): I beg to lay on the Table a copy of the Detailed Demands for Grants (Hindi and English versions) of the Ministry of Labour for the year 1992–93.[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT–1792/92]

13.01 hrs.

ASSENT TO BILL

[*English*]

SECRETARY GENERAL: Sir, I lay on the Table the Cess and Other Taxes on Minerals (Validation) Bill, 1992 passed by the House of Parliament during the current session and assosiated to by the President since a report was last made to the House on the 3rd April, 1992.

13.01 1/2 hrs.

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

Sixteenth Report

[*English*]

SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA (Andaman and Nicobar Islands): I beg to present the Sixteen the Report (Hindi and English versions) on Action Taken by Government on the recommendations contained in the Thirteenth Report of Estimates Committee (Ninth Lok Sabha) on the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting – Film and Television Institute of India.

13.02 hrs.

COMMITTEE ON THE WELFARE OF SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES

Fifth and Sixth Reports and Minutes

[*English*]

SHRI K. PRADHANI (Nowrangpur): I beg to present the Fifth and Sixth Reports (Hindi and English versions) of the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes on the (i) Ministry of Chemical and Fertilisers (Deptt. of Fertilisers) – Reservation for and Employment of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Paradeep Phosphates and (ii) Ministry of Finance (Banking Division) – Reservation for and Employment of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Punjab National Bank and credit facilities provided by the Bank of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and Minutes of the Sittings of the Committee relating thereto.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The House shall now take up matters under rule 377. Shri K.V. Thomas.

13.02 hrs.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

(i) Need to take steps for controlling 'Bee Epidemic' in Southern States

[*English*]

PROF. K.V. THOMAS (Ernakulam): Bee keeping is a substantial source of income to farmers in Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. But the bee epidemic now spreading in the Southern States had made this home

based small industry suffer heavily. It is feared that a new high breed variety of bree brought to India from abroad a few years back is the cause of this epidemic. So far, no effective measures have been taken to control and prevent this epidemic.

I request the Central Government to take immediate steps to help the bee keeping farmers in South India who are badly affected by this epidemic.

(ii) Need to replace manual telephone exchange by an electronic exchange in Rajampet, Andhra Pradesh

SHRI A. PRATHAP SAI (Rajampet): I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards lack of telecommunication development in Rajampet, Andhra Pradesh. So far not even a single manual telephone exchange has been replaced by an Electronic Exchange in Rajampet, Andhra Pradesh which is one of the most backward areas of the country. Inspite of revolutionary developments in telecommunication people of this area are deprived of any such developments.

Hence, I request the Central Government to replace manual telephone exchange of an electronic telephone exchange in Rajampet, Andhra Pradesh.

(iii) Need to provide more railway facilities at Ganganagar Junction, Rajasthan

[*Translation*]

SHRI BIRBAL (Ganganagar): Mr. Chairman, Sir, Shri Ganganagar is an important district of the country in regard to agriculture products and there is only one train 'Ganganagar Express' as the main means of transport between Ganganagar and Jaipur, the capital of Rajasthan. This train takes 15 hours to cover the distance of 582 kilo metres. This train is always over-crowdec because there is no other means of transpor tation. Therefore, tourist buses have domi nated this route as a result of which there is loss of revenue and the passangers have tc pay more fare.

At present the population of Ganga nagar is more than 3 lakh and there are twc cantonment of Army in this district and an Ai Force Station at Suratgarh. This is an impor tant district of the State from the point of view of irrigation facilities. There is network o canals and there are five circles. As it is leading is agricultural products, there is lot o commercial and trade activities and many people visit that district. From the point o view of security, agriculture and business Ganganagar is not only an import city of the State but also of the country. There is facility of only one train service from district head quarter Ganganagar to the capital of the State, jaipur, therefore the passengers have to face a lot of inconvenience. Therefore, my submission is that a new train service should be introduced between Jaipur and Ganga nagar.

The time of journey should be reducec to 10 hours by replacing existing stema engine by diesel engine and stopages of ths train should also be reduced so that the journey may become more comfortable as well as take less time.

A passenger shuttle train should be introduced between Jaipur and Sikar so that daily commuters may get some relief.

(iv) Need to take over Krishna Mill at Beawar city in Ajmer district of Rajasthan by NTC

PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT (Ajmer): Mr. Chairman, Sir, life of thousands of labourers has become difficult due to closure of Krishna Mill in Beawar city of Ajmer dis-